Application No. 10/830,223

Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant dated August 10, 2006

and in Response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2006

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims as follows:

laims 1-27 (Canceled)

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A toner container comprising:

a container body including,

an opening at a first portion,

a filter configured to allow air in the container body to escape from the container body, the filter being disposed in the opening, and

a mouth at a second portion; and

a mouthpiece attached to the mouth and including a valve,

wherein the valve is configured to allow a nozzle at a set portion of an image forming apparatus to enter the container body and to discharge toner from the container body when the toner container is positioned at the set portion, and wherein the valve is configured to close the mouth when the toner container is removed from the set portion,

wherein the filter is at an upper portion of the container body, when the mouth is at a lower portion of the container body.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The toner container according to Claim 28, further comprising toner stored in said container body.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): A toner container comprising:

a container body including,

a first opening at a first portion,

a filter configured to allow air in the container body to escape from the

container body, the filter being disposed in the first opening, and

a second opening at a second portion, which is different from the first portion;

and

a valve attached to the second opening,

wherein the valve is configured to allow a nozzle at a set portion of an image forming

apparatus to enter the container body and to discharge toner from the container body when

the toner container is positioned at the set portion, and wherein the valve is configured to

close the second opening when the toner container is removed from the set portion,

wherein the filter is at an upper portion of the container body, when the second

opening is at a lower portion of the container body.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The toner container according to Claim 30, further

comprising toner stored in said container body.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A container comprising:

a container body including,

a first opening at a first portion,

a filter configured to allow air in the container body to escape from the

container body, the filter being disposed in the first opening, and

a second opening at a second portion which is different than the first opening;

and

a valve attached to the second opening,

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wherein the valve is configured to allow an external nozzle to enter the container body and to discharge toner from the container body through the nozzle, and wherein the valve is configured to close the second opening when the nozzle is removed from the container, and

wherein the filter is configured to prevent the toner from the container to escape the container, and

wherein the filter is at an upper portion of the container body, when the second opening is at a lower portion of the container body.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The container according to Claim 32, further comprising toner stored in said container body.

Please add claims 34 - 45 as follows:

34. (New): The container according to claim 28, wherein:

the opening in which the filter is disposed is at an upper portion of the container body, when the mouth is at a bottom of the container body.

35. (New): The container according to claim 34, wherein:

the opening in which the filter is disposed is at a top of the container body, when the mouth is at a bottom of the container body.

- 36. (New): The toner container according to Claim 34, further comprising: toner stored in said container body.
- 37. (New): The toner container according to claim 36, wherein:

the toner stored in the container body is lower than a level of the filter.

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38. (New): The container according to claim 30, wherein:

the first opening in which the filter is disposed is at an upper portion of the container body, when the second opening is at a bottom of the container body.

39. (New): The container according to claim 38, wherein:

the first opening in which the filter is disposed is at a top of the container body, when the second opening is at a bottom of the container body.

- 40. (New): The toner container according to Claim 38, further comprising: toner stored in said container body.
- 41. (New): The toner container according to claim 40, wherein: the toner stored in the container body is lower than a level of the filter.
- 42. (New): The container according to claim 32, wherein:

the first opening in which the filter is disposed is at an upper portion of the container body, when the second opening is at a bottom of the container body.

43. (New): The container according to claim 42, wherein:

the first opening in which the filter is disposed is at a top of the container body, when the second opening is at a bottom of the container body.

44. (New): The toner container according to Claim 42, further comprising: toner stored in said container body.

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45. (New): The toner container according to claim 44, wherein:

the toner stored in the container body is lower than a level of the filter.